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Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC Subject:

Oconee Nuclear Station

Docket Number 72-04, License No. SNM-2503

Site-Specific Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) Extension of Request for Additional Information (RAI) Response Date

By letter dated November 12, 2008, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued an RAI associated with its review of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke) ISFSI sitespecific license renewal application dated January 30, 2008. The RAI requires Duke to notify the Commission at least two weeks prior to the December 22, 2008, requested response date if additional time is needed to respond to the RAI and the reasons for the delay.

Duke has evaluated the RAI questions and has determined that additional time will be needed. The reasons for the delay are to allow time for data collection and validation, and to obtain an outside vendor-supplied environmental assessment. As such, Duke will complete and submit its responses on or before February 27, 2009.

If you have any questions in regard to this letter, please contact Stephen C. Newman, Regulatory Compliance Lead Engineer, Oconee Nuclear Station, at (864) 885-4388.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on December 5, 2008.

Very truly yours,

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